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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT TACOMA

10 BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.
13 CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON;
14 MITCH NICKOLDS, in his official capacity
15 as Director of Community Development of
16 Clark County; KEVIN A. PRIDEMORE, in
17 his official capacity as Code Enforcement
Coordinator of Clark County; and
18 RICHARD DAVIAU, in his official
capacity as County Planner of Clark County,

Defendants.

No.: 3:18-cv-5926-BHS

PLAINTIFF BNSF RAILWAY
COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO
MOTIONS TO INTERVENE BY THE
COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE
COMMISSION AND FRIENDS OF THE
COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE, INC.

NOTING DATE: December 14, 2018

19 Plaintiff BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") submits the following response to the
20 motions to intervene filed by the Columbia River Gorge Commission (ECF No. 23) and Friends
21 of the Columbia River Gorge, Inc. (ECF No. 24) (collectively, the "Motions to Intervene").

22 As set forth herein, BNSF does not oppose granting the Motions to Intervene. Although
23 BNSF disputes many of the proposed intervenors' legal arguments and factual contentions,
24 particularly with regards to the merits of BNSF's claims, it is BNSF's view that intervention by
25 these two entities will facilitate a resolution of the legal issues raised in BNSF's complaint.
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1 Accordingly, to the extent the Court determines the Columbia River Gorge Commission and the
2 Friends of the Columbia Gorge's interests are sufficient, BNSF does not oppose granting the
3 motions to intervene under the permissive intervention standard of Federal Rule of Civil
4 Procedure 24(b). BNSF reserves all rights to oppose any legal arguments or dispute any factual
5 contentions contained in the proposed intervenors' motions and supporting papers.
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7 Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of December, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 3, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the registered CM/ECF users in this case.

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